

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

OCTOBER 4, 2021

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Gary Cameron, Brad Berkemeier, and Phil King answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021 meeting as presented. King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Code – Director Jenkins said he will be getting together with derby car owners regarding the City ordinance.

Animal – Director Hanna reported that she has interviewed a couple of potential employees and asked the Board to approve hiring Mary Orr full time at \$12.00 and to increase to \$13.00 per hour after 90 days. Berkemeier made a motion to approve hiring Orr as requested. King seconded the motion. Hanna said she will still need to fill Cleland's position.

Police – Chief Tucker reported that trick or treating will be on Halloween, October 31st from 5-8 p.m.

Tucker presented a letter of resignation from Todd Click with an effective date of December 31, 2021. Cameron made a motion to accept the letter of resignation. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Street – Commissioner Miller said heavy trash went very smooth. They only used 16 dumpsters. Miller thanked the City Utilities for their help.

Planning and Zoning – Director Clark informed the Board that they had a Planning & Zoning town hall meeting.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

AMBULANCE HARDSHIP HEARING CASE #RV-03094 – Chief Munson handed out the poverty guideline policy with the calculations for this case. The requirements were met which would reduce the claim to \$136.00. Cameron moved to accept the reduced cost. King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Handbook Policy Update** – We continue to work and gather information. Our next meeting is this Friday.
2. **Police Department Short-Term Disability Update** – Chief Tucker reported that Case #2021-4 will return to work without restrictions on Wednesday.
3. **Sale of Willow Street Property** - The due date for bids is tomorrow. Bids will be opened on the 19th.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Monthly Pay Apps** – Berkemeier moved to approve the claims as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Cherry Street - \$3,293.00
 - Overlook - \$3,933.70
 - Bike & Pedestrian - \$12,508.50
 - Hunt Road - \$15,785.00
 - Boulders - \$83,177.65
 - Sign & Post - \$5,121.50
 - CCMG - \$23,309.00
2. **Fire/Rescue Department Hire Paramedic** – Chief Munson asked permission to hire Jeremy Godsey with a start date of October 14th. Berkemeier moved to approve hiring Godsey. King seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Mass Grading Permit/Land Disturbance** – This would allow the developer to start moving dirt before all permits are received. There is a fee associated with this. The fee schedule will need to be amended.
4. **Driveway Application/Permit** – Cameron said this would be part of the standard application. They have clarified the language. Cameron made a motion to give a favorable recommendation on the grading permit and driveway application permit. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Mayor Pavey reported numbers from the dashboard for the state. It showed admissions were 85 unvaccinated -1; ICU 1 out of 31 are fully vaccinated; deaths 1-7 of those not vaccinated. We need to continue to be vigilant.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Director Jenkins said he has been approached regarding purchasing 332 N Perkins (Farley property). The utilities have been stopped with the exception of gas. It will probably be another 2 weeks before that is disconnected. He asked the Board what they would like to do. They all said they would want a game plan. They said the contractor should come to the next meeting with a plan to discuss the possibility.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before the Board; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.